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FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING DUMMY GATES AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD

Enclosed are the following:

- Specification: 10 pages; Claims: 3 pages; Abstract: 1 page
- Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Sheet(s) of drawings 16 pages
- An assignment of the invention to: NEC Corporation
- A certified copy of Japanese application No. 11-352847 filed December 13, 1999.
- Prior Art Disclosure Statement


Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 by way of Japanese patent application No. 11-352847 filed December 13, 1999.

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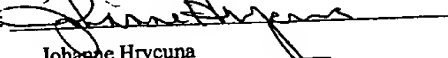
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